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FOR SHERMAN, EA/J, FROM AMBASSADOR

PLEASE PASS TO GEORGE SHULTZ, BECHTEL CORP.,

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SUBJECT: PREPCON FOR FIVE NATION SUMMIT

1. YOU MAY RECEIVE AN IDENTICAL MESSAGE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PASS THE FOLLOWING TO YOU.

QUOTE (CONFIDENTIAL) AFTER CONSULTING THE P.M., WE HAD TO CONCLUDE THAT THE PROPOSED DATES OF 14TH TO 16TH NOV. FOR THE SUMMIT ARE EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT FOR OUR SIDE AS THESE DAYS COINCIDE WITH THE FINAL AND CRITICAL STAGE OF THE PRESENT DIET SESSION SCHEDULED TO END ON NOV. 24TH. PRESENCE OF THE P.M. AND OTHER MINISTERS IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET DURING THIS PERIOD. I THEREFORE EARNESTLY REQUEST YOU TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING THE SUMMIT FROM 28TH TO 30TH NOVEMBER. SIGNED NOBUHIKO USHIBA. UNQUOTE.

2. THE ONLY COMMENT I WOULD ADD IS THAT THE EXPRESSED CONCERN IS LEGITIMATE. WITH JAPAN'S BRITISH-LIKE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM, MINISTERS MUST BE PRESENT

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DURING DIET MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY IN CRITICAL LAST TEN

DAYS OF SESSION. IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP FROM HERE,
LET ME KNOW.
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